



Top left, Col. Bening wraps up a waterway inspection tour in 1979. Bottom photo: a 1988 inspection crew included (left to right) State Rep. Grover R. Campbell, Col. Patete, State Rep. Warren Green, and Tulsa District Operations Division Chief J. Pat Clark.

LAFORTUNE'S REFLECTION

"The impact is tremendous when you actually see the barge coming and tying up, and see the goods being unloaded as we did that day.

"It is, indeed, a realization that we have completed a tremendous new transportation link . . . a link that literally

serves as a bridge to a whole new era of commerce previously unknown to us."

— Robert J. LaFortune, Mayor of the City of Tulsa, 1971 — a reflection after the first barge docked at Tulsa's port¹⁶